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COTTON CROP OF 11,637,000 BALES

Condition Sept. 25th Was
56.3 of Normal

THREE MILLION BALES SHORT

Loss Due to Storms and Ravages of
Insects—Government Figures by
States. Sensational Rise in Cotton
Market Following Publication of Re-
port.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Storms and in-
sect damage have wrought havoc with
the cotton crop this year and caused
a loss of almost 3,000,000 bales
throughout the growing season.

This year's crop will be approxi-
mately 11,637,000 equivalent 500 bales
according to the department of agri-
culture's report, made public today. It
is the first forecast of production made
from conditions existing June 25, when
the quantity was estimated at 14,263,-
000 bales. The condition of the crop
on September 25 was 56.3 of a nor-
mal, which is the lowest condition on
record for that time of the year.

Cotton this year was planted on the
fourth largest acreage ever recorded—
35,941,000 acres. In 1911, when 3,965,-
000 acres were planted, the crop was
15,693,000 bales; in 1912, when there
were 37,039,000 acres, the crop was
14,156,000 bales, and in 1914, when the
acreage was 36,832,000, the crop
amounted to 16,135,000 bales.

Indications are that this crop will
yield only 156.3 pounds per acre com-
pared with 207.7 pounds in 1911; 120.8
pounds in 1915, and 209.2 pounds in
1914.

In a statement issued today the re-
porting board said:

"There was a heavy deterioration in
cotton again this month in the central
portion states. Boll weevils in Texas,
Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and
Florida have taken a heavy toll, punc-
turing and destroying grown bolls to
a larger extent than ever before
known. This insect has, in addition,
seriously damaged the crop in portions
of Oklahoma, Georgia and Tennessee.
Caterpillars have injured the late cot-
ton in Southern Texas and Eastern
Florida.

"Late cotton in the Carolinas and
Northern Georgia will need a late
killing frost to reach anything like
full maturity."

Condition and indicated acreage by
states follows:

State	Condition	Acreage
Virginia	55	264
North Carolina	56	214
South Carolina	53	175
Georgia	58	162
Florida	48	68
Alabama	56	91
Mississippi	40	114
Louisiana	56	151
Texas	63	161
Arkansas	65	182
Tennessee	68	186
Missouri	67	255
Oklahoma	56	151
California	53	481
All other states	52	

SENSATIONAL RISE IN COTTON MARKET

Government Reports Help Bulls to
Send Prices of Futures Almost Sky
High.

New York, Oct. 2.—The cotton mar-
ket was sensationally active and ex-
cited today with the advance of fully
\$1.50 per bale from Saturday's clos-
ing figures, representing one of the
most rapid bull movements in the his-
tory of the trade. January contracts
sold at 17.03 or 93 points above the
final quotation of last week, and clos-
ed at 16.75, with the general list clos-
ing steady at a net advance of 57 to 65
points.

The market opened firm at an ad-
vance of 5 to 39 points. The census
report showing 1,062,991 bales ginned
prior to September 25 established a
new high record, and it was figured
by local statisticians that on the
basis of the largest per cent of the
crop ever ginned previously to the
date in question, it would point to a
yield materially in excess of recent
figures. The trade, however, had been
expecting even heavier ginning re-
turns and the buying movement was
active and excited from the very start.
It looked as though a good many ex-

MANY SURVEYS FOR LINE ARE COMPLETED

Engineer in Charge of Electric Line
Survey Reports Steady Progress in
his Work. Network of Lines has
been Run.

Considerable interest has been re-
vived in the proposed trolley line
through the Cross Anchor country by
the announcement from Spartanburg
that a large part of the preliminary
surveying has been completed. The
following article about the line ap-
peared in the Spartanburg Journal
several days ago:

Reid Tull, engineer in charge of the
preliminary surveys for the proposed
electric railway from Spartanburg to
Clinton, arrived in the city this morn-
ing from camp at Hobbyville to spend
Sunday with his family. In state-
ments today Mr. Tull advises that
much progress has been made on the
surveys and there is yet about 75
miles to be run.

The engineers' camp is now located
at Hobbyville, near Enoree, where the
forces are busy running a line from
Cross Anchor to Spartanburg, by way
of Walnut Grove and Hobbyville.

Mr. Tull advises that preliminary
lines have been completed as follows:
One line from Clinton to Spartanburg
by way of Pauline, Brown's store and
Cross Anchor, another complete line
from Cross Anchor to Laurens by
way of Yarbrough's mill, and an-
other from Laurens to the Betty place,
which is about midway between Lau-
rens and Clinton.

Two lines have been run between
Laurens and Clinton. One line has
been completed from Spartanburg to-
ward Union as far as West Springs.
The work on the line from Spartan-
burg by way of Hobbyville and
Walnut Grove is progressing nicely.

CORNER ON CROCKERY.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company Re-
ceive Shipment of Solid Car of
Crockery.

"A piece of crockery for two out of
every three persons in the county"
about represents a shipment of
crockeryware received by S. M. & E.
H. Wilkes & Company last week.
Thirty-one thousand, one hundred and
seventy-seven pieces were received at
one time, being a solid carload ship-
ment. Almost the entire Wilkes force,
which is no small force by any means,
was busy for several days unloading,
hauling and stacking the various pic-
ces where they could be displayed or
stored. Mr. Wilkes states that the
purchase was made before the rise in
prices and that it will be disposed of
at attractive prices.

To Give Operetta.

Rehearsals are now being held for
an operetta to be staged at the opera
house at an early date. "Snow
White" is the title of the operetta
and those who have seen the first
practices speak of it in the highest
terms. The proceeds will be divided
between the schools at the Laurens
and Watts Mills.

Meeting of K. of P.

Laurens Lodge No. 43, K. of P. will
hold a special meeting known as
"Page Night" on Tuesday evening, Oc-
tober 10th, when it is expected
there will be several candidates for
the first degree. A large attendance
is earnestly requested. Refreshments
will be served.

Oyster Supper at Mountville.

The ladies of the Mountville School
Improvement association will give an
oyster supper at the school building
Friday night, October 6th, to which
the public is invited to come. The
proceeds from the sale will be devo-
ted to school purposes.

Fire At Maddens.

A telephone message received at the
police station last night, gave the in-
formation that a storage house be-
longing to Mr. Dennis Culbertson was
on fire. It is understood that the
house and contents were destroyed,
with a loss of several hundred dol-
lars.

erators had been procrastinating pur-
chases in the hope that the ginning
figures would give them a better buy-
ing basis, and there seemed to be a
very general effort to buy before the
government's condition report was
published at 11 o'clock.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE HAS BEEN OPENED HERE

Announcement is Made as to the
Method of Conducting It.

The following announcement to
teachers has been made concerning
the teacher training course which has
been introduced into the Laurens High
School:

The teacher-training course was op-
ened in Laurens on Monday, Sept. 25.
The course offers a great opportu-
nity to teachers of Laurens county who
have not had advantage of normal
training and for those who need new
suggestions in methods and manage-
ment of their schools.

The State Board of Education
recommends that this course shall be
open to all teachers holding valid cer-
tificates, and to all pupils who have
finished high school or any other
school doing ten grades of work or
its equivalent. Teachers and pupils
meet these requirements and com-
plete satisfactorily 32 weeks of
teacher-training course are to be given
a two-year state license to teach,
which shall be subject to the regular
conditions of renewal. By completing
32 weeks of work teachers can have
the grade of their certificate raised
one degree.

Teachers holding certificates and
completing eight weeks of the teach-
er-training course are given a one-
year extension of certificate.

The local authorities have decided
that in order to reach as many teach-
ers as is possible this season, the
eight weeks' course will be divided. In
this way all teacher whose schools
open late can get credit for coming
either 2, 4 or 6 weeks now, and fin-
ish this way all teachers whose schools
close.

Teachers actually in service can get
classes arranged for them in the af-
ternoon or on Saturdays. If interest-
ed you may confer, either in person
or by letter, with Miss Annie Work-
man, the instructor, or with Prof. B.
L. Parkinson, Laurens, S. C.

U. D. C's Entertained.

The first regular meeting for this
season of the J. B. Kershaw chapter,
U. D. C., was held with Mrs. Arach
Sullivan on North Harper street Mon-
day afternoon. In addition to the
regular program, they enjoyed a de-
lightful salad course with coffee served
by the hostess.

Sustains Painful Injury.

While returning to her home from
a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd
Monday morning, Mrs. W. T. Dorroh
fell and broke her right leg just above
the knee. Mrs. Dorroh is in her 65th
year, but the indications were yester-
day that she was standing the shock
very well.

Foot Ball Game.

The Laurens Foot Ball team was de-
feated last Friday afternoon by the
"Scrub" team of the Presbyterian
College of Clinton. The score stood—
P. C. 7 to L. H. S. 0. The game was
well played throughout, although both
teams showed lack of practice. The
features of the game were the playing
of Lake and Dial for Laurens, while
Woodson and Neville did good work
for P. C. It is claimed by some of
the Laurens team that part of the
visiting team was composed of some
Varsity men of P. C. There has been
much interest shown in foot ball this
year by the high school and the play-
ers assert that with a few more days'
practice and little better support
from the fans they will have a team
which can compete for the high school
state championship.

Hospital News.

At present there are only a few
cases in the hospital. News from there
last Tuesday evening is that all of the
patients are getting along nicely. Mrs.
Evans Madden of the Lisbon section
is doing well and will be able to leave
the hospital the latter part of this
week. Mr. B. L. Clardy is reported as
improving rapidly and will also be
out in a short time.

Young People's Rally.

A Young People's Rally will be held
at the Presbyterian church Sunday
night at 7:30 P. M., when Mr. Wyatt
Taylor, Field Secretary of the Chris-
tian Endeavor Movement, will make
an address. The public is cordially
invited to attend.

A. F. LEVER TO SPEAK A SLAVE STOCK MEETING

A Great Deal of Interest is Being
Aroused over the Live Stock Meet-
ing to be Held in Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, Oct. 1.—South Caro-
lina farmers are going into the live
stock business. They are rapidly
placing their agriculture upon a ba-
sis of prosperity and profit rather
than the fluctuating values of a in-
crop harvest. Forward steps are be-
ing taken in every direction, and one
of the most vitally important meet-
ings ever held in this State is the
South Carolina Live Stock Exposition
and Cattle Conference which will meet
in Orangeburg October 11 and 12. The
opening address will be delivered by
Congressman A. F. Lever.

This beneficial meeting is to be held
under the joint auspices of the South-
ern Settlement and Development Or-
ganization and the Orangeburg Cham-
ber of Commerce. Cooperating with
these bodies are Clemson College, the
State Agricultural Department, the
Federal Department of Agriculture,
and other interested organizations. It
has been approved and largely praised
by leading farm specialists in this
State and by many owners of live
stock.

The nation will eventually look to
the South for its meat supply, and
it behooves every farmer and land-
owner to consider the possibilities that
this coming industry may have in store
for him. The establishment of pack-
ing houses at Orangeburg, Greenville,
and scores of other Southern cities,
are beacons along the path of pro-
gress in Southern agriculture and
point the way to a more glorious har-
vest of the natural possibilities of our
soil and situation. To the forward
looking farmer the South Carolina
Live Stock Exposition and Conference
is an occasion that can not be missed.

Among the leading agricultural au-
thorities and speakers who will attend
this conference are these well known
personages: Dr. W. K. Lewis, leader
of the campaign for the eradication of
the cattle tick; E. J. Watson, State
Agricultural Commissioner; Dr. W.
W. Long, the far-seeing director of
the farm demonstration work in
South Carolina who has advanced our
farm industries as no other man has
been able to do; Congressman A. F.
Lever, chairman of the great House
Agricultural Committee; and others.
The subjects to be discussed include
the following: Breeds and Breeding
Stocks and Weights, Grade Stock and
Thoroughbreds, Range Conditions,
Pastures, Forage Crops and Rotation,
Silos and Silage, Dairying and Dairy
products, Tick Eradication, Diseases,
Markets and Packing House Possibil-
ities, etc. Can any farmer or land-
owner afford to miss it?

From responses already received by
Thos. W. Hughes, Special Agent of
the Southern Settlement and Develop-
ment Organization, a large number of
fine specimens of live stock will be on
exhibit. L. L. Guyon of Lafayette, will
send twelve head of Herefords, L. W.
Boykin of Camden will send nine
shorthorns, and so on. It will be the
great event of the year for those in-
terested in live stock. Every farmer
and land-owner should be in Orange-
burg on October 11 and 12.

On Happy Mission.

Mr. John Wells Todd, Jr., accom-
panied by his brother, Mr. James C.
Todd, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Todd, Sr., left yesterday morning for
Liberty Hill where he will be married
this evening to Miss Keturah Rifflon
Richards, daughter of Hon. and Mrs.
John G. Richards. Miss Bessie Todd,
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Todd and daugh-
ter, Harriett, left later in the day by
train. Mr. James Todd will act as
best man and Miss Harriett Todd will
be one of the flower girls.

Mock Trial at Gray Court-Owings.

A "Mock Trial" will be given
by local talent at the Gray Court-Ow-
ings high school Thursday evening,
October 12th. Court will be called at
6:45 p. m. A breach if promise suit
between Miss Anna Owings, plaintiff,
and Mr. George Darrah, defendant,
will be tried. The jurors and other
court officials will be appointed in the
next issue of the paper. A big trial
is expected as interest is at fever heat.

MOTOR ACCIDENT COSTS ONE LIFE

Arthur R. Moore Dies in Columbia
Hospital. Simms Will Recover.

Arthur R. Moore, brother to
W. W. Moore, adjutant general, died
at the Columbia hospital early yester-
day as the result of other injuries
received, when an automobile in
which he and several others were
riding turned over near Barnwell
late Friday. An operation after mid-
night failed to stay the hand of
death and at 4:30 o'clock yester-
day morning Mr. Moore passed away.
Funeral services will take place this
afternoon at 4 o'clock in Barnwell
and burial will be in the Baptist
cemetery there.

Harold A. Simms, another young
Barnwell man who was riding in the
car with Mr. Moore, is believed to
be recovering rapidly. He was
bruise din the shoulder and arm. He
remained consciousness late Thursday
night and was thought yesterday to
be out of danger.

Arthur R. Moore was born at
Hendersville in Colleton county
29 years ago, but for the past 15 years
had lived in Barnwell. He was agent
for the Southern Express company and
also was in the undertaking business.
He was a young man of promise and
his death has brought sorrow to
friends all over the state. He is sur-
vived by three brothers, W. W. Moore
of Columbia, George Haskell Moore of
Colleton county and James H. Moore
of Hutchinson's Island. He also leaves
the following sisters: Mrs. William
A. White of Hendersville, in Col-
leton county, Mrs. R. C. Kirkland and
Mrs. W. C. Milhous, both of Barnwell
and Mrs. E. B. Norton of Warsaw, N.
Y.

Harold A. Simms, who was hurt in
the accident which resulted in the
death of Mr. Moore, is a lawyer of
Barnwell. He is a son of the late W.
Gilmore Simms and a grandson of
William Gilmore Simms, the novelist.

SANG AT WATERLOO.

Laurens Quartette Contributes to the
Entertainment at Waterloo School
Rally.

The Laurens Quartette, consisting of
Messrs. Edd Hicks, first tenor; Ford
Franks, second tenor; Ernest Machen,
baritone and Jack McGravy, second
bass, who were accompanied by Mrs.
Ernest Machen, gave a very enter-
taining concert in the Waterloo
school auditorium last Friday night.
Cars from Waterloo carried the party
to and from the place of entertain-
ment. When the party reached Water-
loo they were entertained in the
homes of Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. H.
C. Fuller, given warm supper and, ac-
cording to the choristers, put into
good singing trim.

After the quartette had rendered
several selections they rested for
awhile, and during the interim the la-
dies sold ice cream for the benefit of
the new piano fund. Fifty apples
which were numbered were also sold
for ten cents each and the one hav-
ing the lucky number was presented
with a nice box of candy. This was
won by Miss Garrett. A jolly time
was witnessed at this sale and bids
went fast and high.

The quartette again gathered around
the piano and sang many old time
songs which were very attentively
listened to by the appreciative audi-
ence.

Real Estate Deal.

Mr. R. A. Cooper has sold to Mr. J.
T. Davis his farm of 71 acres near
Union church. The amount involved
in the deal was not made known.

Copeland School Opened.

The Copeland school, to the north
of the city, opened for the 1916-17 ses-
sion Monday morning. Miss Edna
Harvey, of Greenwood, is principal,
and Miss Ethel Simmons, of Laurens,
is assistant. A successful year is an-
ticipated.

Two Fires Last Week.

Saturday morning about two o'clock
fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Eliza-
beth Henley between Ware Shorts
and Princeton. The origin of the fire
is unknown so far as could be learned.
The house was valued at about \$4,000
and was insured for \$2,500. At about
the same hour of the same night a gin
house owned by the Mountville Gin-
nery Co. at Mountville was destroyed
by fire. It is understood that the gin
was partially covered by insurance.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR COUNTY FAIR

Premium Committee Meets
With Success

CONTRACT GIVEN FOR THE ARENA

Schools of the County are Invited to
Participate by Making Exhibits and
Attending. Laurens City Schools
Already Applied for Booth.

With the contract for the arena,
grandstand and stalls already given,
with the premium committee meeting
with great encouragement and with
the reports of growing interest all
over the county, the prospects for the
annual county fair which is to be
held Friday, October 20th, grow
brighter each day. Pres. W. D. Byrd
stated Saturday that he had already
let the contract for the fence around
the arena, for the stands and for ad-
equate stalls. Little further remaining
to be done in that line.

The premium committee made a
round of the merchants of Laurens
this week and met with a gratifying
response on all sides. Numerous pre-
miums of a varied variety were offered
and a list of them will be published
as soon as they can be classified. An-
other committee appointed to solicit
cash contributions for operating ex-
penses also reports fine progress.

Pres. Byrd has asked that special
mention be made of the school exhibits
The Laurens City Schools have al-
ready spoken for a booth and it is ex-
pected that many more schools will
fall in line before the end of this week.
Mr. Byrd said that as the fair is an
educational institution, the schools
ought all to be represented.

Farm Demonstrator Moore will be
on the fair grounds during the day
and will hold an informal Clover Club
meeting. All those who are interested
in clover, other cover crops or any-
thing pertaining to the farm will find
him there ready and willing to dis-
cuss the various phases of farm work.
In view of the wide interest being
taken in clover this year, it is thought
that this crop will come in for con-
siderable attention at the fair.

This year a little amusement is go-
ing to be added to the program. It is
going to be added and added at the
last—a foot ball game. After the fair
proper is concluded, the high school
foot ball team will play some other
foot ball team in the state, probably
Anderson. This is going to be a
strong attraction for the younger ele-
ment and some of the older element as
well.

As has been customary in all former
fairs, no admission fee will be charged
to the grounds or grandstand.

Cotton Takes a Bound.

The local cotton market took a
bound along with the New York mar-
ket Monday and Tuesday. Yesterday
afternoon cotton on the local market
was bringing 16 1-4 cents, the highest
price of the season.

Convicted of Selling Whiskey.

Turner Dillard, a well known negro
around town, was convicted in mayor's
court Wednesday on two separate
charges of violating the city's ordi-
nances relating to the sale of whiskey.
He was fined \$50 on each count and
paid the fine. Two trials were neces-
sary to settle the case, the jury being
unable to agree at the first trial held
several days previously. One witness
testified that Dillard had been engag-
ed in the illegal traffic in whiskey for
at least 15 years.

Books of Registration

According to the notice I
where in this paper, the bo-
istration for the approaching gen-
election, will be open the rest of the
week.

Orphanage's Collection.

Sunday morning the Sunday School
of the First Baptist church contrib-
uted to the Comic Maxwell collection
of Greenwood. The Sunday School
as a whole contributed \$168.14. One-
third of which was given by the
race class, their contribution being
amounting to over \$50. The Sunday
school is the largest contributing
body by any one church in that
church and one of the best ever
given by the Sunday school.